

**What Is Claimed Is:**

1. An instrument cluster comprising:  
a backplate;  
a mask, said mask and said backplate formed  
as a single component using a first shot of injection  
5 molding; and  
a dial formed onto said backplate using a  
second shot of injection molding.
2. An instrument cluster as described in claim  
1, further comprising:  
10 an applique.
3. An instrument cluster as described in claim  
1, further comprising:  
a lens.
4. An instrument cluster as described in claim  
15 1, wherein said dial comprises clear polycarbonate.
5. An instrument cluster as described in claim  
1, wherein said mask comprises ABS.
6. An instrument cluster as described in claim  
1, wherein said backplate comprises ABS.
- 20 7. An instrument cluster as described in claim  
1, further comprising:  
light emitting diode backlighting.

8. An instrument cluster comprising:  
a backplate;  
a mask, said mask and said backplate formed  
as a single component using at least one shot of  
5 injection molding; and  
a dial formed onto said backplate using at  
least one additional shot of injection molding.

9. An instrument cluster as described in claim  
8, further comprising:  
10 an applique.

10. An instrument cluster as described in claim  
8, further comprising:  
a lens.

11. An instrument cluster as described in claim  
15 8, wherein said dial comprises clear polycarbonate.

12. An instrument cluster as described in claim  
8, wherein said mask comprises ABS.

13. An instrument cluster as described in claim  
8, wherein said backplate comprises ABS.

20 14. An instrument cluster as described in claim  
8, further comprising:  
light emitting diode backlighting.

15. A method of producing an instrument cluster  
comprising the steps of:

25 forming a backplate and a mask as a single  
component using a first shot of injection molding; and  
forming a dial onto said backplate using a  
second shot of injection molding.

16. A method of producing an instrument cluster  
as described in claim 15, wherein said dial comprises  
clear polycarbonate.

17. A method of producing an instrument cluster  
5 as described in claim 15, wherein said mask comprises  
ABS.

18. A method of producing an instrument cluster  
as described in claim 15, wherein said backplate  
comprises ABS.